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## VETS WORK WI: Veterans Employment Summit Madison

MADISON – Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) Secretary John A. Scocos today announced the *Vets Work WI: Veterans Employment Summit* on Thursday, March 26, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at the Armed Forces Reserve Center in Madison.

Lt. Governor Rebecca Kleefisch will be the featured speaker. This summit is presented in conjunction with the Department of Military Affairs and the Department of Workforce Development.

Vets Work WI promotes veteran employment in the areas of law enforcement, nursing and transportation. This Summit is a chance for the community - veterans and prospective employers and partners - to meet, hear from, and ask questions of all of the partners about these three programs:

- **LEAD:** The Law Enforcement Accelerated Development program, done in conjunction with the Wisconsin Department of Justice, offers veterans an accelerated pathway in becoming a certifiable law enforcement officer. Qualified individuals are now able to take a reciprocity exam allowing them to waive the preparatory law enforcement officer training to be eligible for law enforcement certification.
- **VET2RN:** Accelerated Pathways for Veterans in Nursing is a nursing program adopted by accredited nursing schools that applies military training and experience toward coursework. After successfully completing an accelerated program, students may apply for a license as an RN or as an LPN.
- MOVE-IT: Making Opportunities for Veteran Employment in Transportation program offers a fast-track
  to obtain a commercial driver's license (CDL) and employment in the transportation industry through
  waivers, reduced training and facilitated job placement.

Partners for these initiatives include the National Governor's Association, the US Department of Defense, the US Department of Labor, the US Department of Veterans Affairs, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, the Wisconsin Motor Carriers Association, the Wisconsin Departments of Transportation, Workforce Development, Safety and Professional Services, Justice, Military Affairs and Revenue, as well as the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation, Herzing University, the Wisconsin Technical Colleges, Schneider National, and Roehl Transport.

WHERE: Armed Forces Reserve Center

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**Madison** 

WHEN: Thursday, March 26, 2015

11:00 a.m.